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METHOD OF THE SAME, AN IMAGE
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD OF SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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S I R:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Species I - corresponding to the first embodiment described in the specification on page 13, line 25 to page 33, line 25, Figs. 2 and 6, page 36, line 21 to page 46, line 5, and Figs. 9 and 11, Claims - 1-2, 4-9, 11 and 13-15 and Species II - corresponding to the second embodiment described in the specification on page 34, line 1 to page 36, line 20 and Figs. 7-8, Claims - 3, 10, 12 and 16.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species I - Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11 and 13-15 readings on Figs. 2, 6, 9 and 11 for further examination. Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate whether an allowed claim is generic to any withdrawn claims.

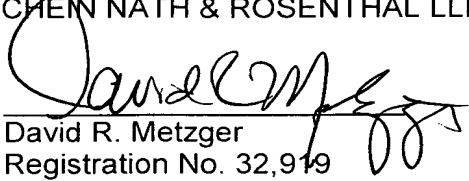
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed

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